

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 833

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to commend Gabe Roberts for honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as director of the Division of TennCare.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Gabe Roberts has served as director of the Division of TennCare since January 2019; he will soon leave this position, bringing to a close an exemplary tenure of devoted, capable service to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Gabe Roberts began his tenure with the State of Tennessee in 2013 as general counsel for TennCare and was promoted to deputy director and chief operating officer in 2016, and since that time, he has guided the division with intellect, drive, and commitment; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with TennCare, Mr. Roberts has played a vital role in the design and implementation of the nation's premier Medicaid value-based purchasing model; the integration of the delivery of long-term services and supports to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities into managed care with a focus on job training, job placement, and community integration; and Tennessee's comprehensive strategy to battle the opiate epidemic; and

WHEREAS, before joining TennCare, Mr. Roberts practiced corporate law at the Nashville law firm of Sherrard, Roe, Voigt & Harbison, where his focus was private equity investment transactions. Prior to completing law school, he was a certified professional accountant with the international accounting firm of Ernst & Young; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Vanderbilt Law School, he holds a degree in accounting and economics from the University of Mississippi, where he is a member of the university's Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his community, he has rendered sterling service on the board of numerous not-for-profit organizations and represented Nashville at Harvard Business School; he was honored as one of Nashville's Top 40 Under 40; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Gabe Roberts is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Ashleigh, and their five children; and

WHEREAS, Director Roberts is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend Gabe Roberts for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as the director of the Division of TennCare and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.